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Native American hoop dancer Kevin Locke performs April 12

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire will bring together noted tribal educators to discuss the issues facing teachers within Native American communities and ways to improve instruction in the region Friday and Saturday, April 12-13, in Huddleston Hall's Oak Room.

The conference begins Friday at 6 p.m. with a dinner and keynote address, "Service Learning and Artifactual Replication in the Service of Wabanaki Heritage," by Abenaki Tribal Council member Frederick Wiseman, who teaches at Johnson State College and is director of the Abenaki Tribal Museum and Cultural Center in Vermont.

Wiseman's address will be followed with a performance by Kevin Locke at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building's Granite State Room. Locke is known throughout the world as a visionary hoop dancer, the preeminent player of the indigenous Northern Plains flute, a traditional storyteller, cultural ambassador, recording artist and educator. Tickets for the performance only are \$5, \$2 for students, and available at the door.

"Native American Studies in New England: Educators, Curriculum and Culture" will focus on strategies for transforming educational practices and materials in mainstream school systems, for addressing the representation of Native Americans in textbooks and children's books, and for using museums as sites of Native-centered education. The conference is designed

to promote conversation among participants and presenters, and students and teachers are especially welcome. Free housing for students Friday night may be available upon request.

The conference is sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, UNH, and the James H. Hayes and Claire Short Hayes Chair in the Humanities. Conference presenters include elementary and high school teachers, children's book author Paula Dove Jennings, and museum educators from the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center.

For more program information or information on the July 15-17 summer institute for teachers at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, contact David Watters, UNH Department of English, at 603-862-3983 or dhw@cisunix.unh.edu.

The cost of the two-day conference is \$60, \$20 for students. The cost to attend the dinner and keynote address Friday is \$30, \$10 for students. To attend on Saturday only is \$35, including lunch, and \$15 for students. Student scholarships are available. To register, contact the University Conference Office at 603-862-1900.

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